

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

English for Academic and Professional Purposes

Quarter 1 – Week 2

Text Structure

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D *What is it?*

Text structure refers to how the information within a written **text** is organized. This strategy helps students understand that a **text** might present a main idea and details; a cause and then its effects; and/or different views of a topic.

IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING HOW TO IDENTIFY TEXT STRUCTURE

Organization of text



Understanding main topic & supporting points



Aid in writing effective paragraphs and essays



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Types of Text Structure

1. SEQUENTIAL/CHRONOLOGICAL STRUCTURE

- ◆ Often used in fiction, biography, autobiography and procedures/processes
- ◆ Also known as time order, sequence, or temporal order.
- ◆ May include flashbacks that describe previous events and/ or experiences
- ◆ It is also used in giving the step-by-step procedure in doing something.
- ◆ You can use the following signal words: first, next, later, after, before, following, then, in addition to, followed by, and finally

Sample paragraph 1

On April 23, 1564, William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-on-Avon in England. He attended a local grammar school in the town. At the age of eighteen he married Ann Hathaway. Several years later he travelled to London. By the time he was twenty-eight he had established his reputation by acting and writing plays. Other than these facts, little is known of Shakespeare's early life.

Sample paragraph 2

How to have those lovely eyebrows like your favourite celebrity! It is easy to do it for as long as you don't overpluck, well-shaped brows can make your face from ordinary to dramatic. Today's brows are natural looking with a tapered arch, and you can groom them yourself in a few easy steps. First, check magazine photos of women whose brows you like and whose face shape matches your own. Second, draw your desired brow with a white pencil. Third, to ease the pain, numb brow area with an ice cube. Finally, pluck out stray hairs that lie outside the white area you've pencilled in.

Cosmopolitan Magazine, April 2000



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2. DESCRIPTION

- ◆ This is used to tell what something is, to present an item's attributes or properties, to show what an item or place is like
- ◆ We can use descriptive adjectives to help us visualize the topic
- ◆ You can use the following signal words: tastes like, looks like, sounds like, smells like, feels like, examples are, in front of, about, characteristics are, for instance, furthermore, near, beside, to illustrate, in addition etc.

Sample Paragraph

A hamburger sandwich is a sandwich which consists of cooked patty made of ground meat that is usually beef. The meat can be grilled, fried, steamed or broiled and is generally served with various condiments and toppings inside a sliced bun baked especially for this purpose. It smells so delicious, that the moment it touches the tongue, it automatically relieves hunger.

Conrado A. Santos, Jr.
COM13, SY 2006-2007

3. PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

- ◆ Tells about a problem then gives one or more possible solutions
- ◆ Signal Words:

Question is...

Puzzle is...

One answer is...

Dilemma is...

To solve this...

One reason for the problem is...

Sample Paragraph

Being obese or overweight can't and shouldn't be ignored. Obesity is a major risk factor that aggravates other illnesses like diabetes, heart ailments, gallstones, liver ailments, difficulty in breathing etc. The medical benefit of weight reduction and the long-term prevention of weight regain is obvious. It is now clear that even a modest weight loss of 5 to 10% can produce significant health benefits. A new drug called: pancreatic lipase inhibitor cuts the 30% of the daily fat absorption without affecting the central nervous system is now available. With its clinically proven tolerability and efficacy, it can be incorporated into a person's weight-management program.



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4. CAUSE AND EFFECT

An explanation telling why or how something happened. Describes how two or more events are related or connected.

Sample paragraph

Think of this: for every street rally, thousands of workers suffer from the heavy traffic it causes; millions of young minds' edification is temporarily halted; rallyists leave garbage on the streets which are left for the poor street sweepers to clean, among others. These reasons may be lame, but come to think of it- it's the basic things that matter.

5. COMPARISON AND CONTRAST

- ♦ It draws the reader's attention to similarities and differences.
- ♦ Shows how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different
- ♦ Signal Words:

Same as, Similar, Alike, As well as, Not only...but also, Both, Instead of, Either...or, On the other hand, Different from, As opposed to

Sample Paragraph

Even though basketball and soccer are similar, differences do exist. Even though an athlete dribbles the ball in both sports, a basketball player uses his hands and a soccer player uses his feet. Usually soccer is played outside on a large field and basketball is played indoor on court made out of wood. Basketball is played with five (5) players and soccer has eleven (11). Lastly, basketball has four quarters and soccer has two halves.



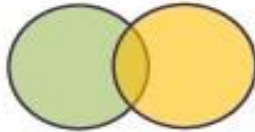
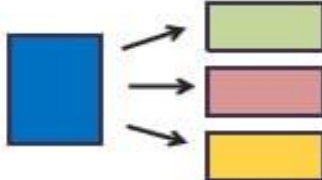

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Look at the table below. This will help you identify text structures more easily and summarize what you read using the suggested graphic organizers.

Non-Fiction Text Structures

Text Structure	Signal Words	Visual
<i>Description</i>	<i>for example, for instance, characteristics include, specifically, in addition</i>	
<i>Sequence & Order</i>	<i>before, in the beginning, to start, first, next, during, after, then, finally, last, in the middle, in the end</i>	
<i>Compare & Contrast</i>	<i>similar, alike, same, just like, both, different, unlike, in contrast, on the other hand</i>	
<i>Cause & Effect</i>	<i>since, because, if, due to, as a result of, so, then, leads to, consequently</i>	
<i>Problem & Solution</i>	<i>problem, issue, cause, since, consequently, therefore, as a result, because of, leads to, due to, solve, so, then</i>	

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